1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
4.	Dexamethasone Tablets 0.5 mg/tab.	1000's	96.74 (26-7-1989)	40.27 (2-11-1991)	..	..	..
5.	Dexamethasone and Neomycin E/E Drops.	2.5 ml	..	3.34 (13-7-1989)	..	3.88 (19-10-1989)	4.76 (13-12-1989
6.	Dexamethasone and Neomycin E/E Drops.	2.5 ml with dropper	4.18 (19-10-1989)	4.12 (13-9-1990)	4.48 (17-9-1990)	4.72 (2-11-1991)	
7.	Dexamethasone ICHQ Ointment.	5 gm tube	2.02 (13-7-1989)	2.84 (13-12-1989)	2.54 (13-9-1990)	2.86 (2-11-1991)	
8.	Dexamethasone ICHQ Ointment.	15 gm tube	4.04 (13-7-1989)	5.58 (13-12-1989)	5.10 (13-9-1990)	5.51 (2-11-1991)	

Assessment of dues against Drugs Companies under DPEA

2064. SHRI M. A. BABY:
CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of dues assessed against drug companies from 1st January, 1991 to 15th November, 1991 under the Drugs Prices Equalisation Account;

(b) what are the details of amounts recovered during the same period;

(c) what is the total amount due under DPEA upto 15th November, 1991; and

(d) what are the names of drug companies and names of drugs involved in each case for which the assessment is still to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) The information in respect of the tentative assessment made and the amount recovered, so for has been given in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 670 answered on 28th November, 1991. The process of assessment is still in progress in a number of cases.

Cases of overcharging price of bulk drugs and formations

2065. SHRI M. A. BABY:
CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1664 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) what is the stage at which eac case of overcharging of price of bulk drug and formulation stands;

(b) when did each case come to the notice of Government and what action has been taken in each case so far;

(c) what are the names of companies against whom cases of overcharging have been filed in courts and when was each case filed; and

(d) what are the details of cases where drug companies have been penalised on the charges of overcharging of prices of drugs and finished medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The cases of overcharging of prices of bulk drugs and formulations are at different stages. The details of companies against which the amount of overcharging has been finali-

sed and the drug involved with the amount of liability has been given at item No. 4 to 16 (other items) on page 3 of annexure to the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 650 answered on 5th September, 1991.

(c) The Government have not moved as yet any Court in these cases of overcharging.

(d) Some companies are yet to submit complete data to the Government. The question of penalising the companies would arise after the said liabilities are finally determined.

Reduction of Customs duty on bulk drugs, formulations and drug intermediates

2066. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 656 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th September, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs formulations and drug intermediates on which custom duty has been reduced in the current year budget;

(b) what were the prices of end products before the reduction in custom duty and what are the prices now after custom duty reduction;

(c) whether it is a fact that the import prices have gone up so that the part of benefit of duty reduction is siphoned off in the form of over-invoicing; and

(d) wha are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS SHRI CHINTA-MOHAN): (a) The names of bulk drugs and drug intermediates on which customs duty has been reduced in the current years budget are given in notification No. 62/91-Customs, 63/91-Customs, 64|91-Customs, 65/91-Customs, 66/91-Customs all dated 25th July, 1991 and notification No. 125/91-Customs, 126/91-Customs dated 11th September, 1991.

(b) to (d) The major objective of duty rationalisation is to encourage production from a more basic stage and is not linked necessarily in every case to reduction in price of end product. The impact of such concession is mainly on the production of drugs from more basic stages which has not yet been assessed. Whenever any complaint of over invoicing of imports is received, appropriate action is taken.

Comprehensive study of rate margins by Bharati Committee

2067. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 654 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharti Committee merely confirmed that trade is by and large paying the margins as approved by Government;

(b) wheher it is also a fact that it did not make any detailed and comprehensive study of trade margins;

(c) wheher it is also a fact that trade did not provide any financial and other data to the Committee which was necesary for studying the adequacy of Trade Margins; and

(d) if so, what was the objective of setting up the Committee and how far the objective has been achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN : (a) to (d) Final Report of the Bharati Committee is awaited. However, from the draft Report, it has been gathered that the National Council of Applied Economic Reserch carried out the Survey of over 1200 retailers and wholesalers and secured information in accordance with pre-prepared questionnaire to complete the tasks assigned to the committee.